



Seaside & Country Homes
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Seaside & Country Homes Overview



Seaside & Country Homes is a housing mobility option that offers households living in Council or Housing Association housing in Greater London the opportunity to move home.

The scheme's landlords manage approximately 3,500 bungalows and flats: Along the coast from Cornwall in the south west to Norfolk and Lincolnshire in the east; and, across the countryside from Dorset to Cambridgeshire.

The scheme does not guarantee you a move and priority is given to tenants who are giving up larger sized properties.

What types of properties are available?

The scheme has a portfolio of one and two bedroom flats and two bedroom bungalows across the south and east of England, mostly in seaside towns or in rural countryside areas.

- 2 bed bungalows (one double and one single bedroom)
- 2 bed flats – (one double room & one single)
- 1 bed flats – (one double room)

Some of the flats have lifts but not all; if you require a lift please check that the properties in the areas that you have chosen have this facility.

All bungalows have front and rear gardens and the upkeep of these is the responsibility of the tenant. In

some cases the front gardens are maintained by landscape gardeners and the charge for this is added to the service charge.

Most flats do not have gardens although some of the ground floor flats have a small private garden area.

Many properties only have walk in showers and no baths

Not all properties accept pets; pets are permitted in bungalows but not in most of the flats.

Your areas of choice

- You can choose to be referred to up to nine areas where you would be happy to move. Please only choose areas that you know are suitable for you.

- If you only want to move to one specific area please only choose that area. You do not have to choose more areas than the ones you want.

- If you have chosen areas that you have not previously visited or have no knowledge of we strongly suggest visiting them before adding them to your application. Applicants must be fully committed to moving to all of their chosen areas. As you will have to cover the travel costs of viewing properties we don't want you to waste time and money viewing a property only to find that you simply don't like the area.

- The housingmoves team holds a "will consider any area" list for tenants who are willing to be considered for all areas. If you are

interested in joining this list please contact us on 08450 21 20 20

- If you need to live close to specific services or amenities such as local hospitals or mainline rail stations with access to London it is your responsibility to check whether they are available in your area(s) of choice.

Is there financial assistance available?

housingmoves offers no financial assistance but your landlord may do so. You should ask your local housing office whether they offer any financial assistance for moving out of London or for freeing up a property.

If you are not entitled to any grants you will be responsible for covering all the costs involved with the move which will include:

- Viewing properties
- Disconnection fees i.e. cooker, washing machine
- Removals
- Redecorating the property if necessary
- Carpets and curtains
- Reconnection fees i.e. telephone, cooker, washing machine
- New furniture; if you are offered a property that is smaller than your current home you may need different furniture.

You may be eligible for financial assistance through the Social Fund which is administered by Jobcentre Plus. The Social Fund provides lump sum payments, grants and loans. Loans and Community Care Grants from the Social Fund are discretionary and not for a standard amount. You may be able to get help from the Social Fund for important costs that are hard to pay for out of your regular income. For further information please contact or visit your local Jobcentre Plus office or visit their website at www.jobcentreplus.gov.uk We also recommend contacting Age Concern and the Citizens Advice Bureau for advice on grants available to you.